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- 11. (C) P/E Chief delivered reftel demarche to Ambassador Muhammad al Khusaibi, the Chief of the American Affairs Department of the Omani MFA on September 15. al Khusaibi took the message on board without comment.
- $frac{\P}{2} extcolor{1}{2}$. (C) The DCM, on a separate visit to the MFA the same day, also delivered the message to Muhammad al-Hassan, chief of staff to Yusuf bin Alawi, Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs. Hassan more pointedly replied that Oman and other countries have delivered this message many times before. "The U.S. should consider that, by continuing to hammer this point, it may be devaluing the currency," he said. Schmierer